

## DEFENCE CLOSES IN. EXPRESS PLOT TRIAL

Jury Soon to Get Case of 46 of  
64 Persons Indicted on  
Conspiracy Charges.

## NEGRO FURNISHES HUMOR

Denies Signing Confession  
Which Was Written 'Faster  
Than He Talked.'

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
MACON, Ga., April 2.—The defence in  
the trial of forty-six persons, of a total  
of sixty-four, indicted on charges of  
conspiracy in connection with the alleged  
theft of \$1,000,000 worth of property  
from the American Express Company  
came to a close this afternoon. The  
Government announced it would take  
only a few minutes Monday to complete  
the case.

Ed Knox, negro, furnished the humor  
today. He is one of the accused men.  
He denied he had purchased anything  
from Hughes, although the latter testified  
that he caught the negro stealing a  
hat from an express shipment and cautioned  
him not to repeat the act without  
permission.

The negro stated that before he was  
put in jail he was carried to the office  
of Superintendent R. H. Mays, where  
detectives and Mays questioned him for  
six hours.

"Mr. Hughes was trying to get me to  
tell I had seen the messengers and rail-  
road men stealing," said the negro. He  
said that if I'd talk I would be put on  
Mr. Copeland's payroll and would make  
\$50 a month more than I was making."

"Did they threaten you?" asked Wal-  
lace Miller, attorney for the defence.  
"I say they did," answered the negro.

"Mr. Hughes told them he had sold me  
some union suits. He said 'I bet he's  
got them on now.' He rushed at me and  
grabbed my clothes open and tore off all  
the buttons. He tore my shirt too."

During the cross-examination a state-  
ment that bore the negro's name was  
read, but the negro denied signing it.  
He says the officers of the express com-  
pany were "writing lots faster" than he  
was talking during the examination.

He denied he had confessed to transac-  
tions named in the alleged confessions.

## AMERICANISM IN INDIANAPOLIS.

Judge Landis Chief Speaker at  
Celebration Revalling New York's.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 2.—Americanism  
day was celebrated here today with a  
parade, banquet and a mass meeting to-  
night at which Judge Kenesaw Moun-  
tain Landis of Chicago and Henry J.  
Ryan of the American Legion delivered  
the principal addresses.

The Tabernacle, seating 10,000 per-  
sons, was filled and overflow meetings  
were on the streets.

The celebration was planned to dupli-  
cate the patriotic demonstration held re-  
cently in Madison Square Garden, New  
York.

## SMOOT PROPOSES GENERAL SALES TAX

Draws Measure Designed to  
Raise Annual Revenue of  
\$1,250,000,000.

## CONFERS WITH MELLON

Suggests Levy of One-half of  
One Per Cent on Each  
Turnover.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
New York Herald Bureau.  
Washington, D. C., April 2.

A general turnover sales tax on  
"goods, wares and merchandise," calcu-  
lated to produce a revenue of \$1,250,-  
000,000 annually, has been recommended  
by Senator Smoot (Utah) to Secretary  
of the Treasury Mellon, and will be in-  
troduced in Congress on the first day  
of the extra session, Senator Smoot an-  
nounced today.

"I had a conference with Secretary  
Mellon and his experts lasting more  
than an hour," Senator Smoot said.  
"While, of course, I cannot presume to  
give their opinion of it, I may say they  
are very much interested and intend to  
give it very careful consideration. My  
conference was very satisfactory. I be-  
lieve a sales tax of one-half of 1 per  
cent will yield annually about \$1,250,-  
000,000. It is the most feasible substi-  
tute I know for the excess profit tax,  
which has proven a menace to commer-

cial stability and a hindrance to indus-  
trial and commercial development at a  
time when it needs the greatest possible  
stimulus.

"We must repeal the excess profits  
tax and provide revenue to take its place  
and at the same time prevent the invest-  
ments in tax free securities, which now  
reach such large sums. The money tied  
up in this way does not reach natural  
channels of business and hinders both  
business development and the collection  
of needed governmental revenues. I am  
confident that a sales tax will more than  
meet any deficiency in the Treasury  
created by the abandonment of the ex-  
cess profits tax."

Senator Smoot's thought is that sales  
taxes ought not to be imposed on such  
items as soft drinks, ice cream and other  
similar articles where the revenues are  
comparatively small and where evasion  
of the tax is easy. Under his bill he be-  
lieves there can be no tax evasion and  
that it will be simple of administration  
as well as inexpensive.

"There is at least one member of the  
Cabinet who has given me encourage-  
ment for the sales tax," said Senator  
Smoot. "Recently I called on Secretary  
of Labor Davis on another matter. In-  
cidentally he mentioned a possible sales  
tax and said, 'Whatever you do I wish  
you would take the tax off the ice cream  
cones of the kids.' That we intend to do  
if the sales tax is passed in Congress."

## ROB BANK BY GUM STICKS.

BALTIMORE, April 2.—Reaching through  
the grating of the paying teller's win-  
dow at the Calvert Bank, Howard and  
Saratoga streets, in the heart of the  
shopping district today, three men suc-  
ceeded in stealing \$1,500 worth of Lib-  
erty bonds, using sticks to which were  
attached bits of chewing gum, to draw  
the bonds from the shelf behind the  
window.

They then walked out and disap-  
peared. The teller was absent from the  
cage at the time.

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B751—Louis XV. Mahogany Full width Bow-end  
Bed, Bureau, Chiffonade and Vanity Dressing  
Table. Formerly \$2,352 NOW **\$1150.00**

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Bed, Bureau, Chiffonade and Semi-Vanity Dressing  
Table. Formerly \$645.00 NOW **\$322.50**

Same Suite in Mahogany only with Twin Beds. Formerly \$715.50 NOW **\$357.75**

### DINING ROOM FURNITURE

D607—Adam Mahogany, 78-inch Sideboard,  
62-inch x 48-inch Extension Table, China Cabinet,  
enclosed service Table, 5 side and 1 arm Chairs. Formerly \$2,457 NOW **\$1228.50**

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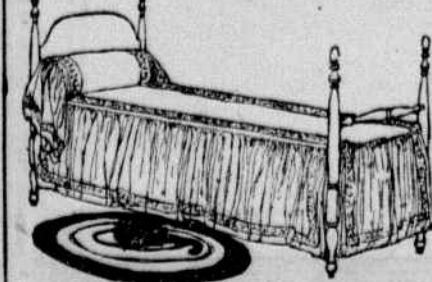
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ered in fine  
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Fabrics unusually rich in texture have  
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offer for Monday

## A Group of WOMEN'S Canton Crepe Dresses

At the Decidedly Moderate Price of

**\$39.50**

Ordinarily such distinctive Dresses in this fashionable,  
excellent quality fabric would be priced up to \$65.00.

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Sizes 34 to 44.

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distinctive achievement, in this display of

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Regularly \$69.75 to \$135.00

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### Women's Chiffon Silk Hose---

Silk top and soles; Black  
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of Gray.

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Fine quality; open work,  
lace patterns; Black, White,  
Cordovan, Gray **\$3.95**

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High-grade qualities; hand-embroi-  
dered, self or contrasting  
clot; Black and an exten-  
sive range of colors. Pair **\$2.95**

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### Ingrain Silk Hose

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White with fancy turn-over top.  
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**\$2.95 and \$3.95 | \$3.95 and \$4.25**

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